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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 870
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A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Steve Dickerson and the Goodpasture High School softball team on winning the 1999 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division 2 State Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly takes as one of its most joyous duties the saluting of our best athletic teams, those exceptional squads that work hard and win state championships; and

WHEREAS, one such tremendously talented team was the excellent 1999 Goodpasture High School softball team, which climaxed a highly memorable season by impressively capturing the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division 2 State Championship; and

WHEREAS, in the first round of the state tournament, the Lady Cougars pounced on Fayette Academy 8-0, behind a perfect game pitched by Leslie Barron; and

WHEREAS, the exciting second round was a rematch with the defending state champion, GPS of Chattanooga, and Goodpasture won 2-1; and

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WHEREAS, the third round was a match against hometown rival Father Ryan, and with the brilliant pitching of Leslie Ellis, the Cougars won 1-0; and

WHEREAS, a loss to GPS, the losers bracket winner, set up the title game and the fiercely determined Cougars won the coveted state title with a stunning 3-2 victory; and

WHEREAS, this was their best season ever for Goodpasture, with a record 42 wins and only 10 losses, a winning percentage of .800; and

WHEREAS, along with their present state championship title, the Lady Cougars' numerous additional honors include being champions of the Hendersonville Commando Classic, a semifinalist in the Chattanooga GPS Softball Classic, and runners-up in the Soddy Daisy Lady Trojan Invitational; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Steve Dickerson and Assistant Coaches Lee Philips and Marquita Thomas have done an outstanding job with the team; and

WHEREAS, the players were: Class of 1999, Christi Davis, Leslie Ellis, and Julie Hudson; present seniors, Leslie Barron, Leanne Holley, Brittany Travis, and Dana Yates; present juniors Ashley Dickerson and Lindsey Howard; present sophomores, Renee Fontenot, Emily Hill, and Courtney Lowe and present freshmen, Callie Binkley and Amanda Richards; each of whom made a significant contribution to the success of the team; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend this great team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Steve Dickerson and the 1999 Goodpasture High School Lady Cougar softball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division 2 State Tournament, and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.